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- B) State 55244
- C) Bandar Seri Begawan 144
- 11. (SBU) Charge delivered ref A points on May 21 and ref B points on May 22 to Joana Hj Daniel, Assistant Director of the Political I Department (ASEAN member countries) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MoFAT). She had no immediate response. Please note that Friday is a non-working day in Brunei. Post will e-mail any substantive response we receive on Saturday.
- 12. (U) Note: the Burma DCM told us earlier this week that his embassy has collected a considerable quantity of humanitarian assistance goods donations primarily food and medicine in Brunei from private Bruneians and resident Burmese nationals. He said that to date, the Burmese embassy has shipped over 4 metric tons of cargo by airfreight and a twenty foot container by sea to aid Cyclone Nargis victims. He did not provide any details about how this aid would be distributed in Burma.

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